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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 20, 2004 (Paper No. 4),
Applicant elects species "A" covered by Figures 2-5 and claims 1-8.

This election is made with traverse. M.P.E.P. § 803 provides as follows: "If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." Applicant respectfully submits that other claims in this case can be examined together with claims 1-8 without "serious burden."

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Favorable action on the application is solicited.

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